

**WORKING GROUP MEETING  
THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 11, 2001**

**SWANSEA RECREATION CENTER  
2659 EAST 49TH AVENUE  
9:00 AM- 12:30 PM**

**BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES FOR THE MEETING:**

**Background :**

Remedial Investigation and Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment . EPA released these two reports on August 30, 2001. At the last working group meeting, EPA presented some of the key findings of the Remedial Investigation and the risk assessment for arsenic in residential soil at the VB/I70 Site. The discussion on the lead risk assessment was deferred to this October 11 working group meeting.

Feasibility Study. In July, 2001, EPA began a Feasibility Study (FS) to evaluate alternative remedial actions to manage unacceptable health risks associated with potential exposures to arsenic and lead in residential soil. EPA is currently finalizing the FS document.

EPA will choose a "preferred clean up alternative" from all the alternatives evaluated in the FS and prepare a Proposed Plan for clean up. The plan will be widely distributed to the general public and a 60 day public comment period will be provided. During this time, EPA will accept comments on the Remedial Investigation, the Baseline Human Health Risk Assessment, the FS, and the Proposed Plan. EPA will make a final decision about a clean up plan only after considering all the comments received.

Community Concerns. At the last working group meeting, the community representatives had some questions about the Consent Decree for the Asarco Globe Plant cleanup. We all agreed to include a presentation on the Consent Decree on the agenda for this October 11 meeting.

**Objectives:**

EPA has two main objectives for this Working Group meeting:

- To provide the Working Group information on the **Globe Consent Decree** to answer the questions raised by the community representatives at the last meeting
- To provide the Working Group an overview of the **Lead Risk Assessment and the Feasibility Study**.

## **PROPOSED AGENDA ITEMS**

### **1. Opening Remarks (9:00am - 9:05am)**

### **2. Globe Consent Decree (9:15am-10:30am)**

This presentation by Barbara O'Grady and Ginny Brannon representing the State will address the following:

- Responsibilities of Asarco and the State under the terms of the Consent Decree - particularly those relating to residential yard clean ups
- The relationship (if any) between the class action law suits and the Consent Decree
- How and why did VB/I70 become a separate site?
- Was there a modification to the Consent Decree?

### **BREAK (10:30am-10:45am)**

### **3. Overview of the VB/I70 Feasibility Study (10:45am- 11:45am)**

- Key findings of the Lead Risk Assessment
- How EPA developed the "Preliminary Action Levels" for Lead
- What are the alternatives EPA is evaluating?

### **4. Community Issues (11:45am - 12:30pm)**